

King County DNRP Water Quality Index

STATION WATER YEAR

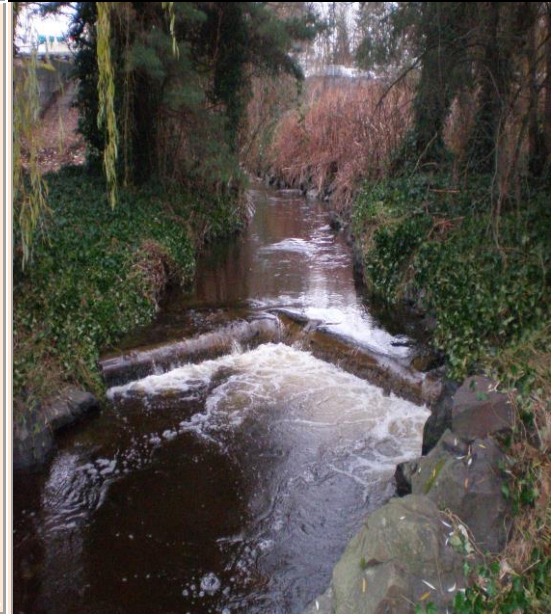
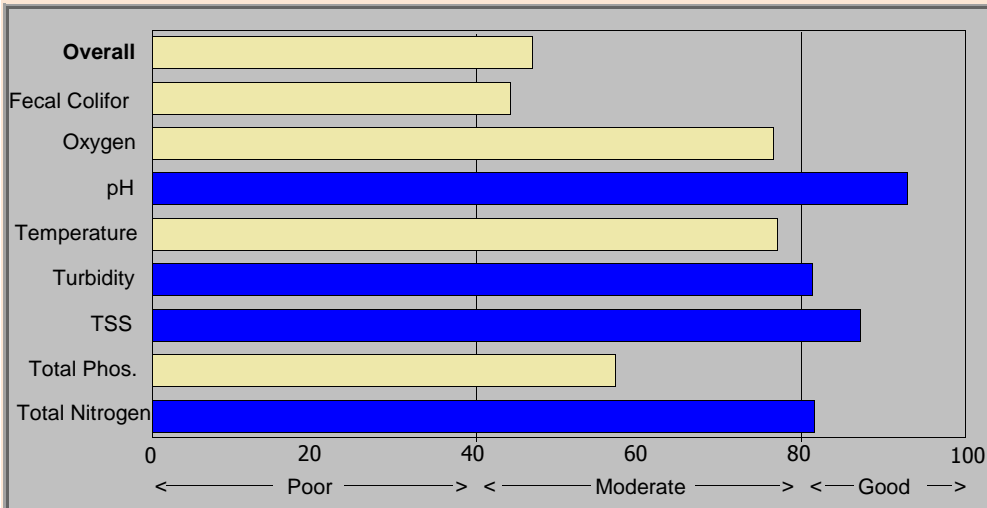
GAUGE # Little Bear Creek at SR 202

Overall Index

King County has monitored water quality in Little Bear Creek at two stations. Station 0478 is located at the mouth of Little Bear Creek at State Route 522 East, Woodinville Way exit, near the Prairie Market. Monitoring at this location began in 1971 and continues today. Little Bear Creek flows 7.7 miles from Snohomish County to the Sammamish River near Woodinville. The basin encompasses 10,000 acres. The basin remains roughly 40 percent forested, with a current total impervious area of about 37 percent. Little Bear Creek is on the 2012 Washington Department of Ecology's 303(d) list for violation of dissolved oxygen standards. Coho, sockeye, and kokanee salmon have been consistently observed in the creek.

Annual Water Quality Index Scores

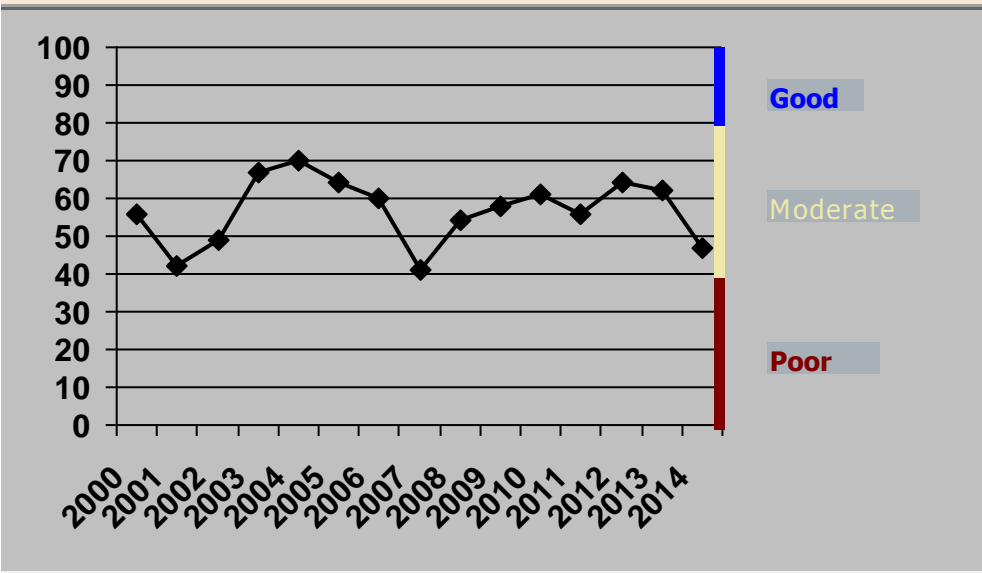
Water quality was MODERATE based on data collected 10/1/2013 to 9/30/2014.



Monthly Scores For Water Year 2014

Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
93	89	62	95	77	62	87	73	80	80	16	81

WQI Score Comparison By Water Year



About The Water Quality Index:

The Water Quality Index (WQI) score is a unit-less number ranging from 10 to 100: the higher the number, the higher the water quality. Scores are calculated from data collected during the monthly routine sampling. For temperature, pH, fecal coliform bacteria, turbidity, and dissolved oxygen, the index expresses results relative to levels required to maintain beneficial uses according to criteria in Washington's Water Quality Standards, WAC 173-201A. For nutrient and sediment measures where there are no standard, results are expressed relative to guidelines for this eco-region. Results from the eight parameters are aggregated over time to produce a single score for each sample station. In general, stations scoring 80 and above did not fail water quality standards or guidelines and are of "low concern", scores 40 to 80 indicate "moderate concern", and water quality at stations with scores below 40 are of "high concern". For more information about the WQI please visit <http://green.kingcounty.gov/WLR/Waterres/StreamsData/WQI.aspx>

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